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your excellency to cause the necessary instructions to be given to whom it may concern, as to suppression of quarantines and all precautionary measures now in effect at the ports of the United States, against vessels arriving from said places.

Respectfully,

Hon. SECRETARY OF STATE.

I. DA COSTA DUARTE.

WASHINGTON, D. C., *February 9, 1900.*

SIR: Referring to the letter of the honorable Secretary of State of the 7th instant, transmitting a communication from the Portuguese legation, dated February 2, 1900, in which the chargé d'affaires of said legation states that he is officially advised that since January 19, 1900, no new cases of bubonic plague, or deaths from the same, have occurred in Oporto, that sanitary conditions are normal throughout the rest of the kingdom as well as at Azores, Madeira, Cape Verde and West African Possessions, and requesting removal of quarantine restrictions, I have the honor to state that the provisions of Circular No. 143, of December 8, 1899, have been modified by Circular No. 6, of January 16, 1900; and that this modification is of such character that no unnecessary quarantine measures will be applied to vessels from Portugal.

Respectfully,

WALTER WYMAN,

Supervising Surgeon-General U. S. M. H. S.

Hon. SECRETARY OF THE TREASURY.

Quarantine against Oporto raised by the Portuguese Government.

WASHINGTON, D. C., *February 10, 1900.*

SIR: I have the honor to inclose for your information copy of a note from the Portuguese chargé d'affaires at this capital, announcing that his Government has raised the quarantine established against Oporto because of the existence of the bubonic plague.

Respectfully,

JOHN HAY,

Secretary of State.

Hon. SECRETARY OF THE TREASURY.

[Inclosure.]

FEBRUARY 8, 1900.

SIR: In connection with my note of the 2d instant, I have the honor to inform your excellency that his excellency the minister for foreign affairs has cabled me stating that in yesterday's *Diario do Governo*,—the Portuguese Government's official gazette—appears the royal decree abrogating the sanitary restrictions adopted in Portugal and its possessions against Oporto since the outbreak of the bubonic plague, the epidemic thus being considered as totally extinct.

Having the honor to bring this information to your excellency's knowledge, I avail myself of the opportunity to renew the request expressed in my note above referred to.

Respectfully,

I. DA COSTA DUARTE.

Hon. SECRETARY OF STATE.

SCOTLAND.

Report from Glasgow.

GLASGOW, SCOTLAND, *January 27, 1900.*

SIR: I have the honor to make the following report of the transactions at this port for the week ended January 27, 1900: January 26, cleared the steamship *Indrani* for Baltimore, Md.; her cargo was composed of general merchandise from the British Isles. January 27, cleared the steamship *Assyrian* for Philadelphia, Pa.; her cargo was from the British Isles with the exception of 100 cases of opium from Smyrna. January 27, cleared the steamship *Livonian* for New York;

her cargo was entirely from the British Isles. January 27, cleared the steamship *Sarmatian* for Boston, Mass.; with the exception of 76 cases of oranges from Valencia and 120 tons of scrap steel from Gothenburg; her cargo was from the British Isles.

Respectfully,

H. W. WICKES,
Passed Assistant Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S.

The SURGEON-GENERAL,
U. S. Marine-Hospital Service.

SPAIN.

Report from Barcelona.

BARCELONA, SPAIN, *January 29, 1900.*

SIR: I have the honor to transmit under same cover abstracts of bills of health for the weeks ended January 20 and January 27.

The following ships were inspected, with passengers and baggage, during the week ended January 27, 1900: January 22, steamship *M. M. Pinellos*, from Barcelona to Havana; 2 cabin and 17 steerage passengers inspected and passed, 21 pieces of baggage inspected and labeled. January 25, steamship *Montserrat*, from Barcelona to Havana; 26 cabin and 30 steerage passengers inspected and passed, 37 pieces of baggage inspected and labeled. January 25, ship *Rosa Alegret*, from Barcelona to Brunswick, Ga., was inspected and given bill of health. January 27, steamship *Montevideo*, from Liverpool to Manila; 11 cabin and 21 steerage passengers inspected and passed, 28 pieces of baggage passed. The epidemic of influenza referred to in my last report still continues; otherwise the health of the city is about as usual.

Respectfully,

JOHN F. ANDERSON,
Assistant Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S.

The SURGEON-GENERAL,
U. S. Marine-Hospital Service.

Reports from Cadiz.

CADIZ, SPAIN, *January 22, 1900.*

SIR: I have the honor to submit the following report of the transactions of the Service at this port during the week ended Saturday, January 20, 1900, together with other matters pertinent thereto:

Supplemental bills of health were issued to 2 vessels during this period; on the 15th instant to the Spanish steamship *San Agustin*, from Barcelona via Malaga, bound for the Canaries, Porto Rico, and Havana, and on the 20th to the British steamship *Restormel*, from Seville for New York without passengers.

The *San Agustin* carried 54 cabin and 104 steerage passengers, of which 95 of the latter class were destined to Cuba and Porto Rico, 79 being from Barcelona, 8 from Malaga, and 8 embarking at Cadiz. No rejections were advised. Eight pieces of baggage were inspected and labeled. This vessel was in good sanitary condition, the steerage quarters and bedding being noticeably clean.

The regular liners calling here, en route to the West Indies, in so far as they have been inspected, have generally been found wanting as regards the requirements provided by the regulations for the steerage accommodations.

In calculating the allowance per capita, from 40 to 50 cubic feet approximately of the air space are apportioned for each person, and bunks have been arranged accordingly.